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SUBJECT: UN PAY INCREASE

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1. ON DEC. 8 EMBOFF DISCUSSED PROPOSED SALARY INCREASE FOR UN PERSONNEL (REFTEL) WITH DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN FONMIN AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF; AIDE MEMOIRE (PARA 14) LEFT FOR OMANI STUDY.

2. DURING DISCUSSION, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT OMANIS ONLY VAGUELY AWARE OF FORMULA FOR DETERMINING UN SALARIES AND FACT THAT THESE ARE PRESENTLY OUT OF LINE WITH ESTABLISHED PARAMETERS. LIKEWISE, FONMIN HAD NOT FOCUSED ON FACT THAT THIS WILL BE ISSUE DURING UN DELIBERATIONS OVER NEXT FEW DAYS. ONE POINT WHICH SEEMED TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON OMANIS WAS THAT UN BENEFICIARIES WOULD BE PRIMARILY NATIONALS OF U.S. AND OTHER "DEVELOPED" COUNTRIES; THERE ARE NO OMANI UN EMPLOYEES AT THIS TIME. OMANI INTERLOCUTOR (A GRADUATE OF UNIVERSITY OF LENINGRAD) ASKED ABOUT

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SOVIET STAND ON ISSUE. IF WE HAVE REASON AGAIN TO APPROACH

OMANIS HERE ON THIS ISSUE, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE
THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

3. OMANDEL AT UN LIKELY IS QUINTESENTIALLY SUBJECT TO
DIRECT PRESSURE FROM UN PERSONNEL. AS ON OTHER ISSUES,
MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO INFLUENCE OMAN VOTE MIGHT BE TO
SEEK FAVORABLE SAUDI STAND--WHICH OMANIS ARE PRONE TO
FOLLOW.
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